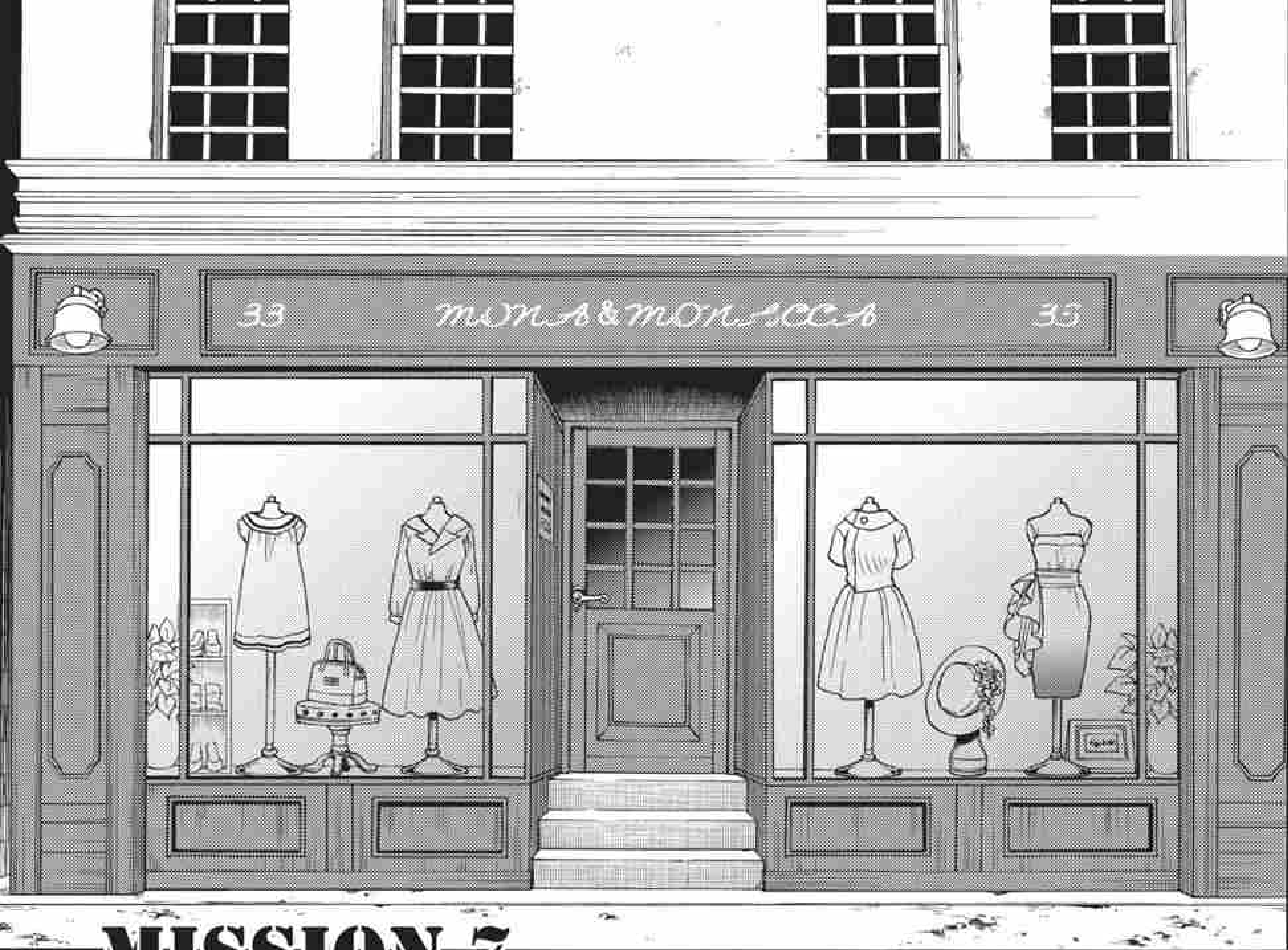
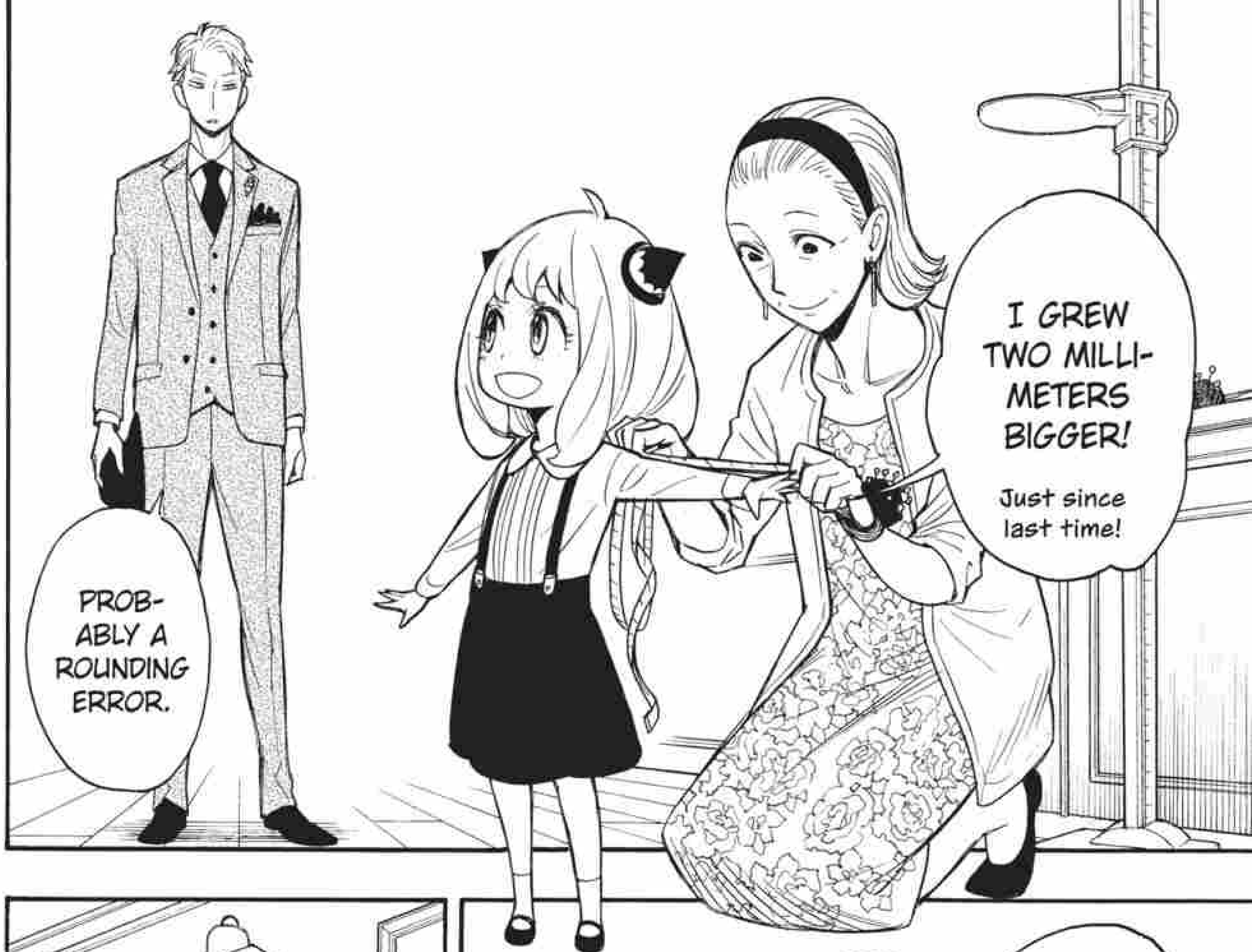




MISSION-7







ME? NO, I WENT TO A THIRD-RATE RURAL SCHOOL.

YOUR HUSBAND MUST BE AN EDEN ALUMNUS, THEN?

Congratulations, dear!

Thank you very much.

AND TO THINK YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING THE PRESTIGIOUS EDEN ACADEMY!



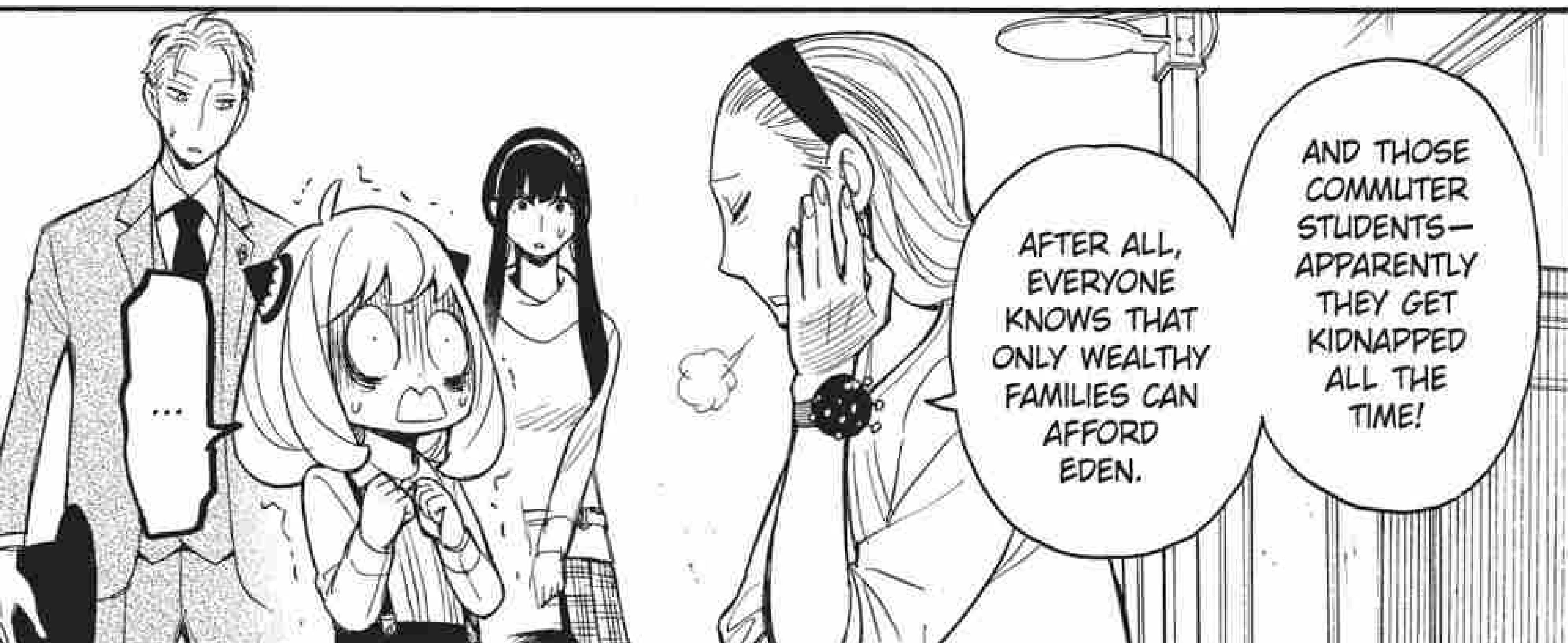
IN THAT CASE, BE CAREFUL.



PLUS, THERE'S HAZING FROM THE HONOR STUDENTS, CONFLICT BETWEEN THE DORM KIDS AND THE COMMUTERS... I HEAR ALL SORTS OF THINGS.

I HEAR IT CAN EVEN LEAD TO BULLYING AND DISCRIMINATION AMONG THE STUDENTS.

THERE'S SOMETHING OF A GULF BETWEEN THE ALUMNI FAMILIES AND THE FIRST-GENERATION ONES.



AFTER ALL, EVERYONE KNOWS THAT ONLY WEALTHY FAMILIES CAN AFFORD EDEN.

AND THOSE COMMUTER STUDENTS— APPARENTLY THEY GET KIDNAPPED ALL THE TIME!





NO, OF COURSE NOT!

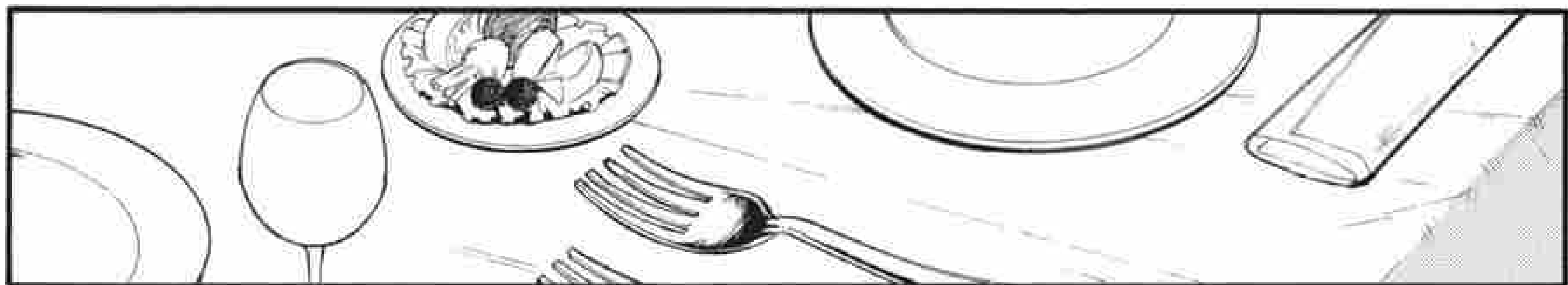
DO YOU MIND IF WE EAT OUT TODAY, YOR?

DO KIDS GET TAKEN AT RESTAURANTS?



I DON'T WANNA GET KID-NAPPED!

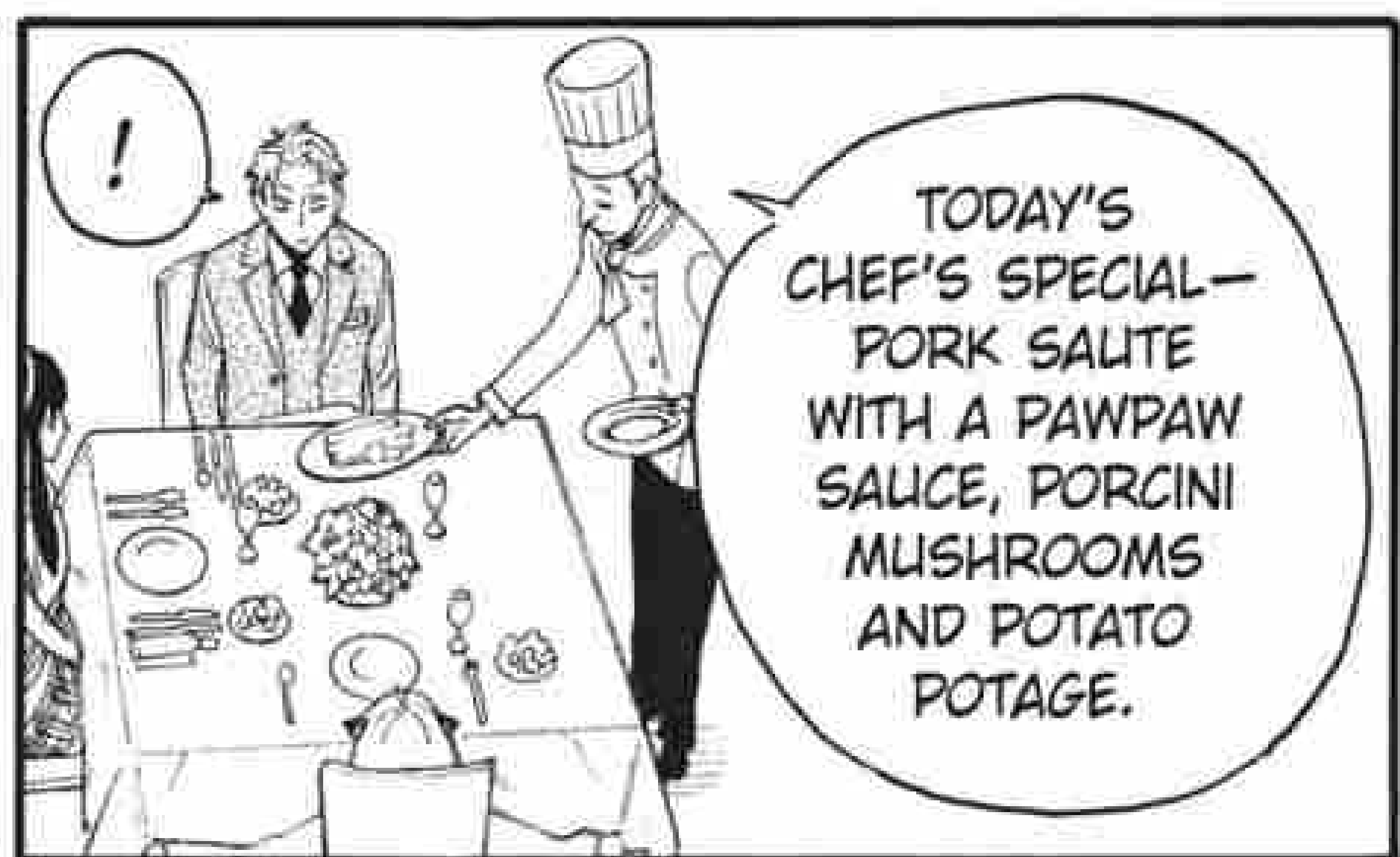
AH. I THINK THAT'S A TAD PREMATURE.



SO THE P CIPHER TODAY, THEN.

That looks good.

PO PO?



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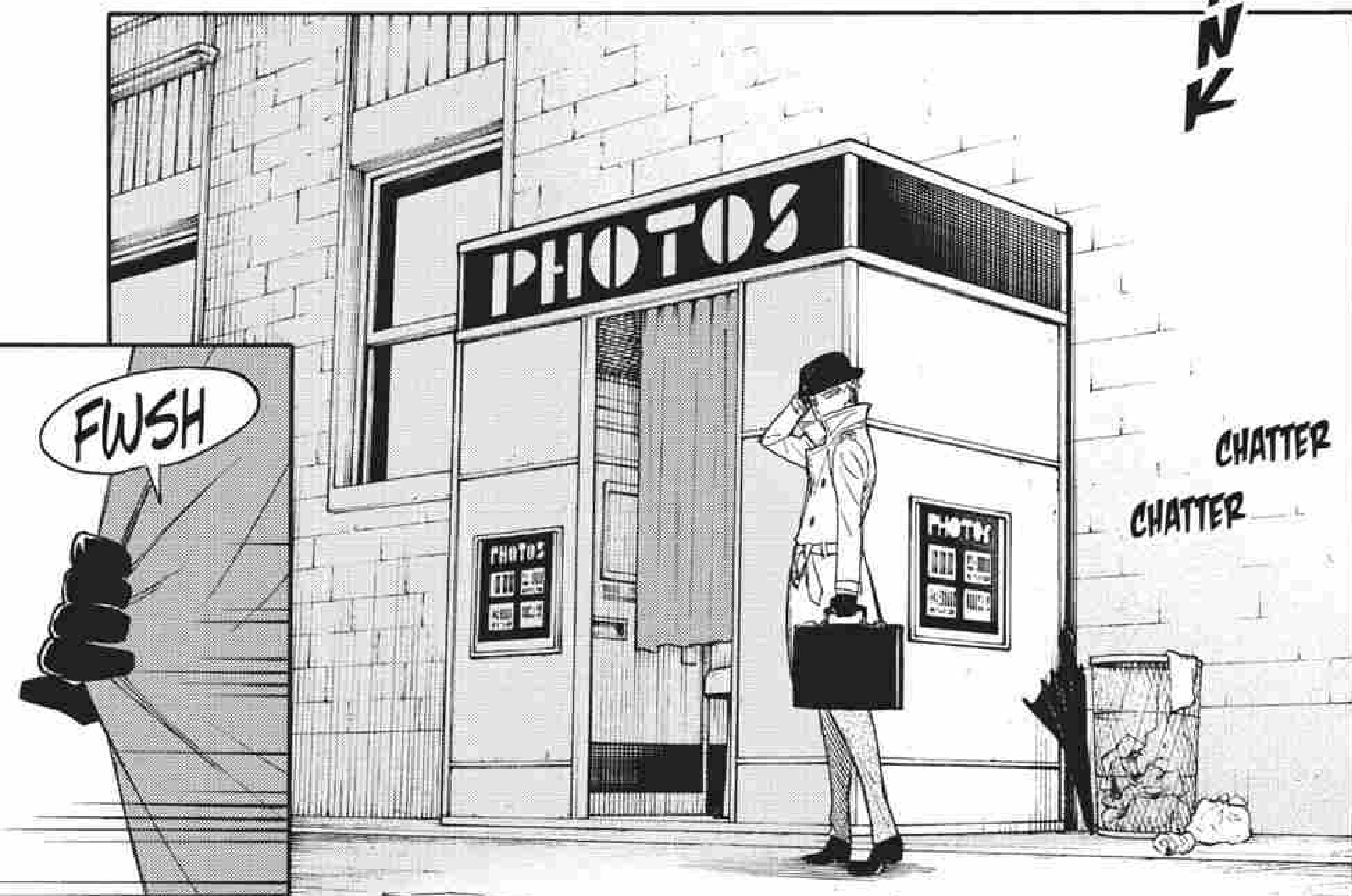
TODAY'S CHEF'S SPECIAL—PORK SAUTE WITH A PAWPAW SAUCE, PORCINI MUSHROOMS AND POTATO POTAGE.



...WILL BE AT 1300 HOURS, FIVE DAYS HENCE, AT SAFE HOUSE 'D.

MY NEXT BRIEFING

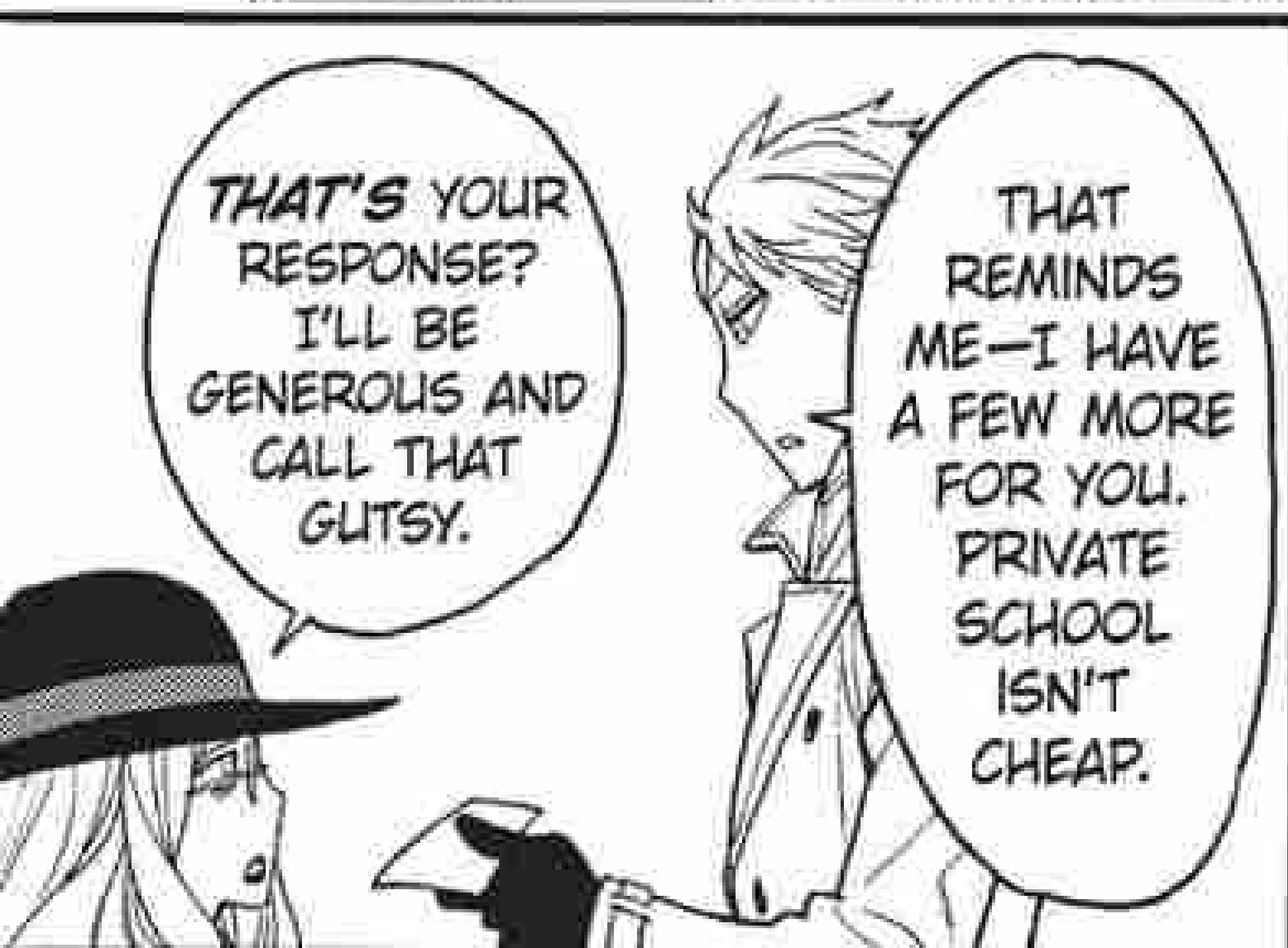






...AGENT
TWILIGHT.

GOOD DAY.
OR RATHER,
GOOD
EVENING...



THAT'S YOUR
RESPONSE?
I'LL BE
GENEROUS AND
CALL THAT
GUTSY.

THAT
REMINDS
ME—I HAVE
A FEW MORE
FOR YOU.
PRIVATE
SCHOOL
ISN'T CHEAP.



MOVING
ON.

FINE,
WHATEVER.

ALL
OF THESE
EXPENDI-
TURES ARE
ESSENTIAL
TO THE
MISSION.



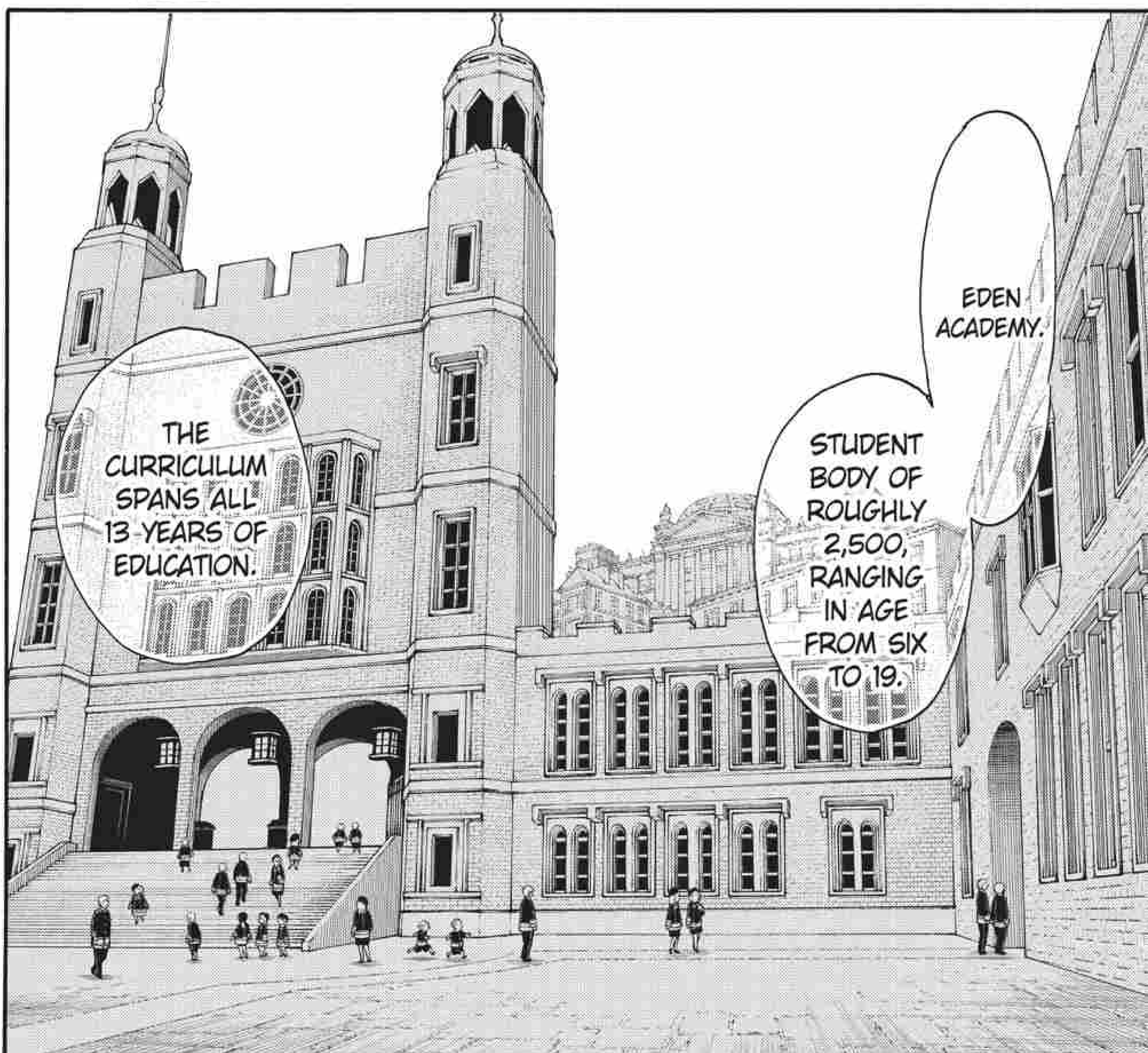
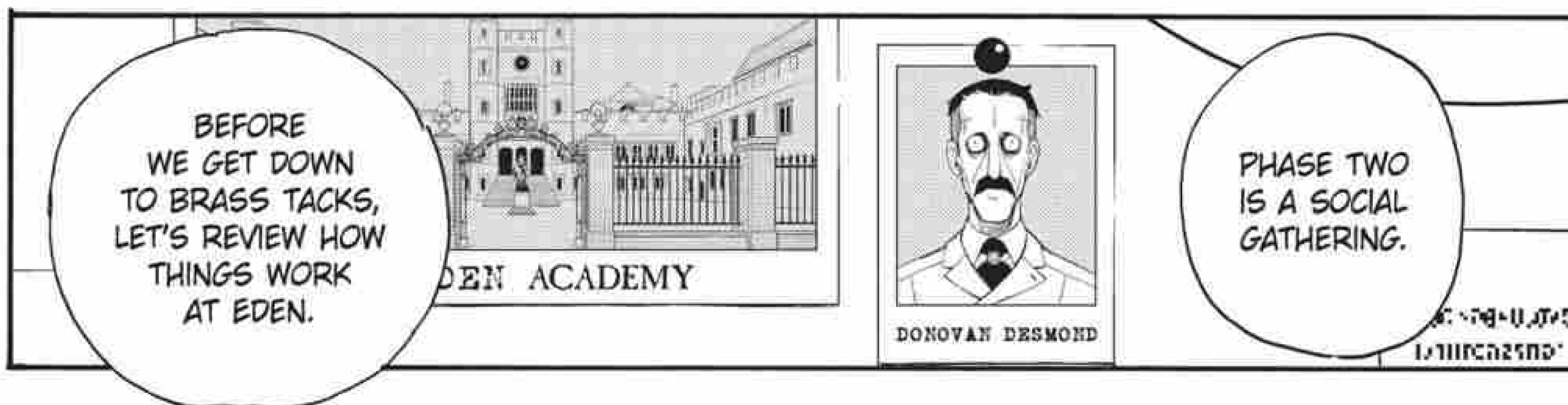
DO YOU
THINK OUR
OPERATING
BUDGET
IS YOUR
PRIVATE
ALLOWANCE
?!

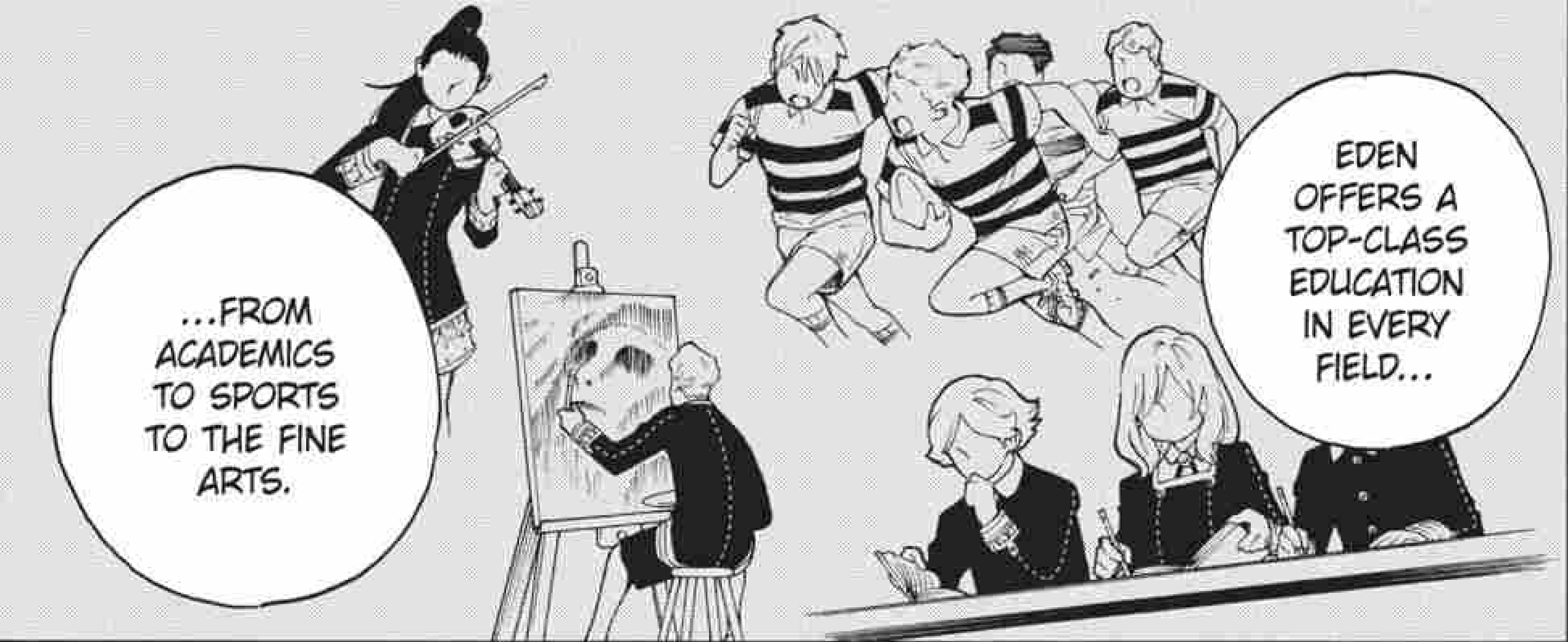
WHAT'S WITH
THESE EXPENSE
REPORTS
YOU'VE BEEN
SUBMITTING?
YOU RENTED A
CASTLE?! AND
FURNITURE
FROM THE ROYAL
PALACE?!



AH, MY
HANDLER.
WHAT'S
THIS
ABOUT?

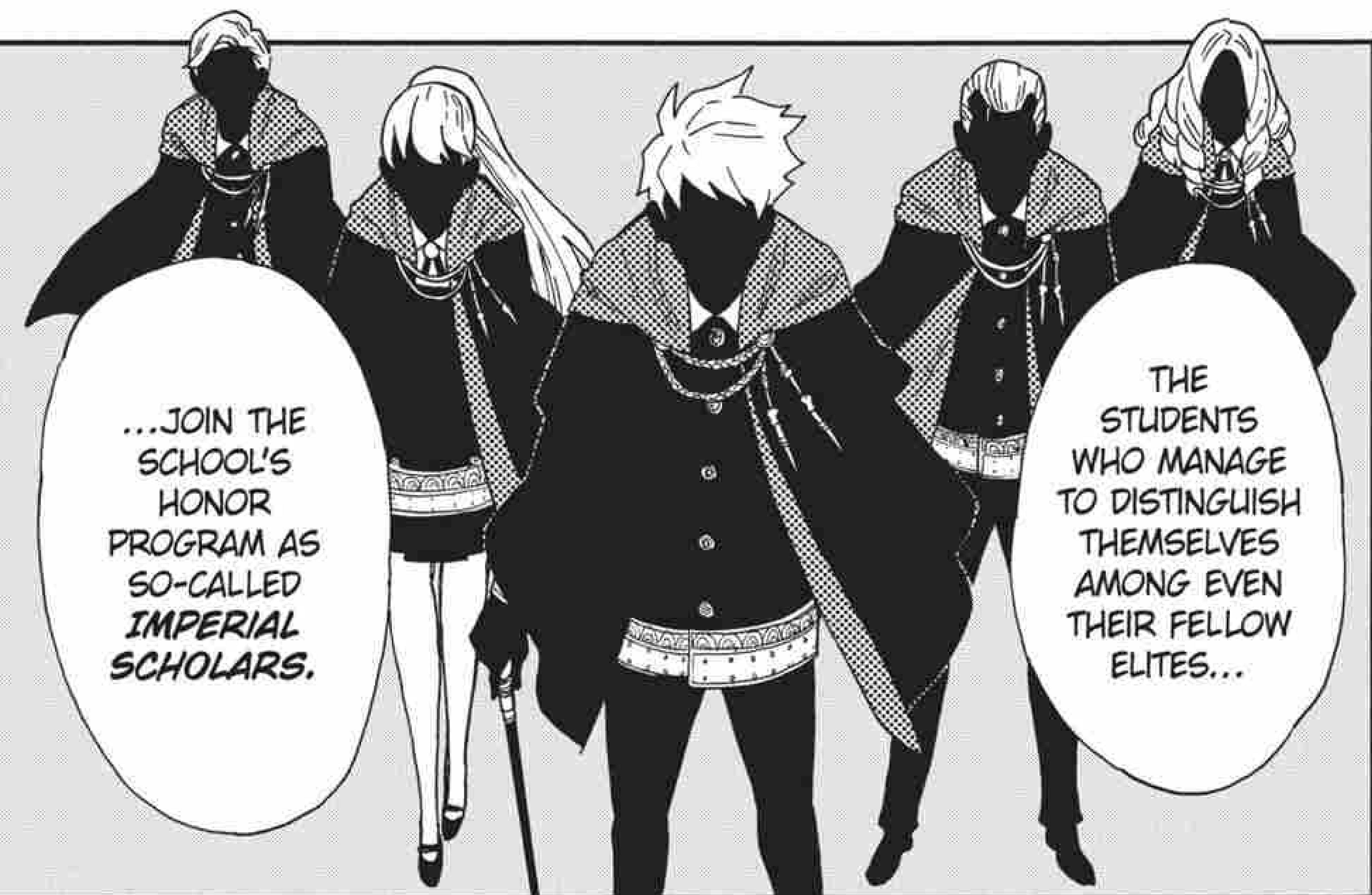
BEFORE I
GET INTO
THAT...





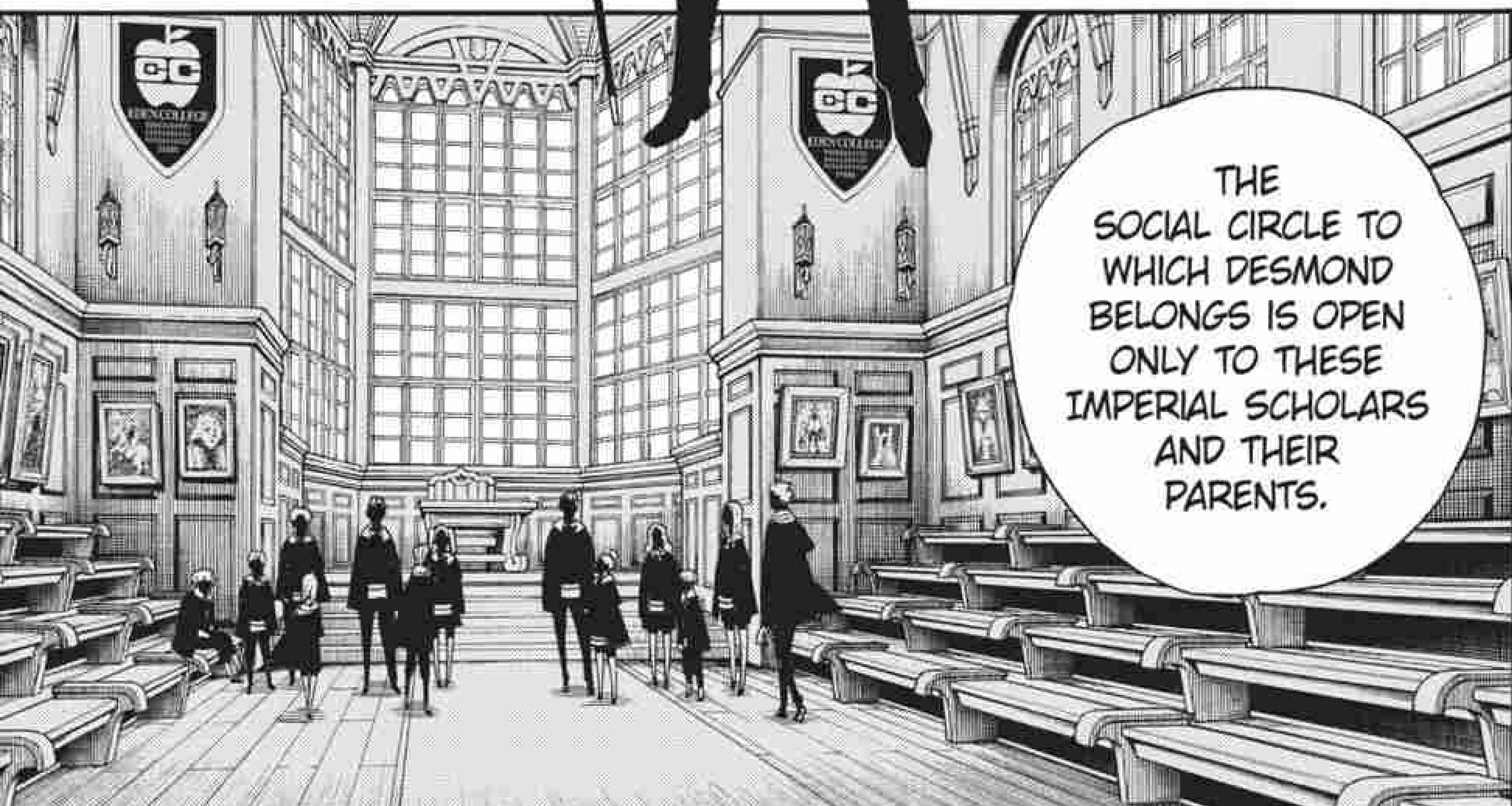
...FROM
ACADEMICS
TO SPORTS
TO THE FINE
ARTS.

EDEN
OFFERS A
TOP-CLASS
EDUCATION
IN EVERY
FIELD...



...JOIN THE
SCHOOL'S
HONOR
PROGRAM AS
SO-CALLED
**IMPERIAL
SCHOLARS.**

THE
STUDENTS
WHO MANAGE
TO DISTINGUISH
THEMSELVES
AMONG EVEN
THEIR FELLOW
ELITES...



THE
SOCIAL CIRCLE TO
WHICH DESMOND
BELONGS IS OPEN
ONLY TO THESE
IMPERIAL SCHOLARS
AND THEIR
PARENTS.



IN
SHORT, YOUR
ORDERS ARE TO
DEVELOP YOUR
DAUGHTER INTO
AN IMPERIAL
SCHOLAR.

STELLA
ARE AWARDED
FOR THINGS LIKE
EXCEPTIONAL
GRADES AND
CONTRIBUTIONS
TO SOCIETY.

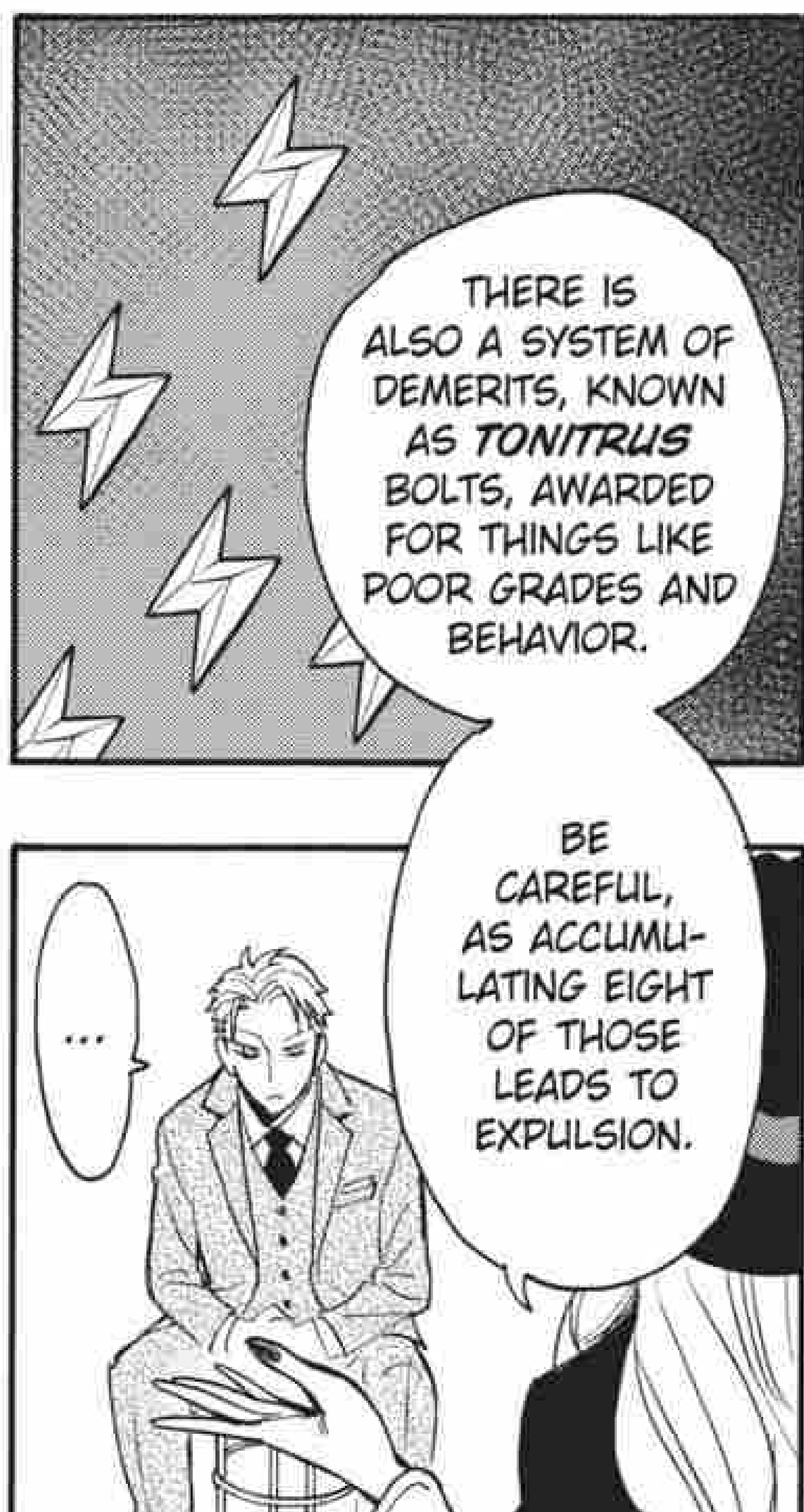
TO BECOME
AN IMPERIAL
SCHOLAR, ONE
MUST EARN
EIGHT MERITS,
WHICH COME IN
THE FORM OF
MEDALS KNOWN
AS **STELLA**, OR
"STARS."



NOW,
LET'S WORK
OUT YOUR
PLAN OF
ATTACK...

THAT
CHILD, AN
IMPERIAL
SCHOLAR?

HEH.



THERE IS
ALSO A SYSTEM OF
DEMERITS, KNOWN
AS **TONITRUS**
BOLTS, AWARDED
FOR THINGS LIKE
POOR GRADES AND
BEHAVIOR.

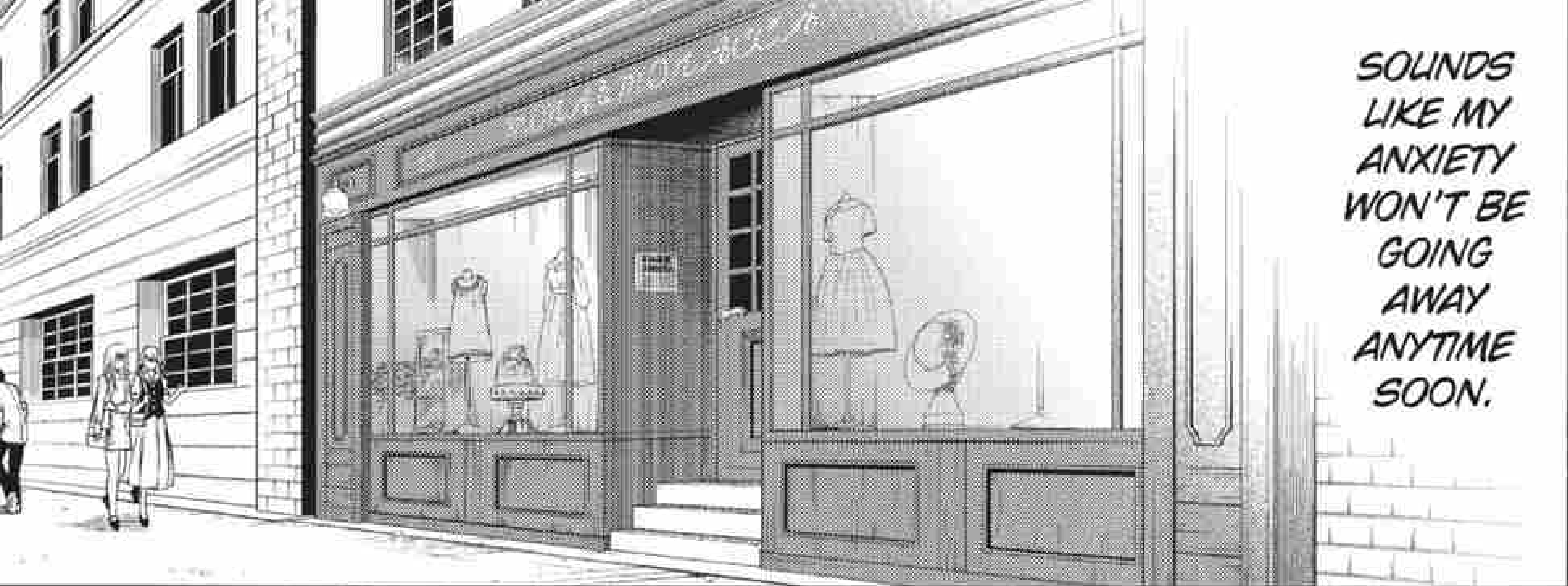
BE
CAREFUL,
AS ACCUMU-
LATING EIGHT
OF THOSE
LEADS TO
EXPULSION.

...



AND IF THAT
NECESSITATES
UNDERHANDED
METHODS, SO
BE IT.

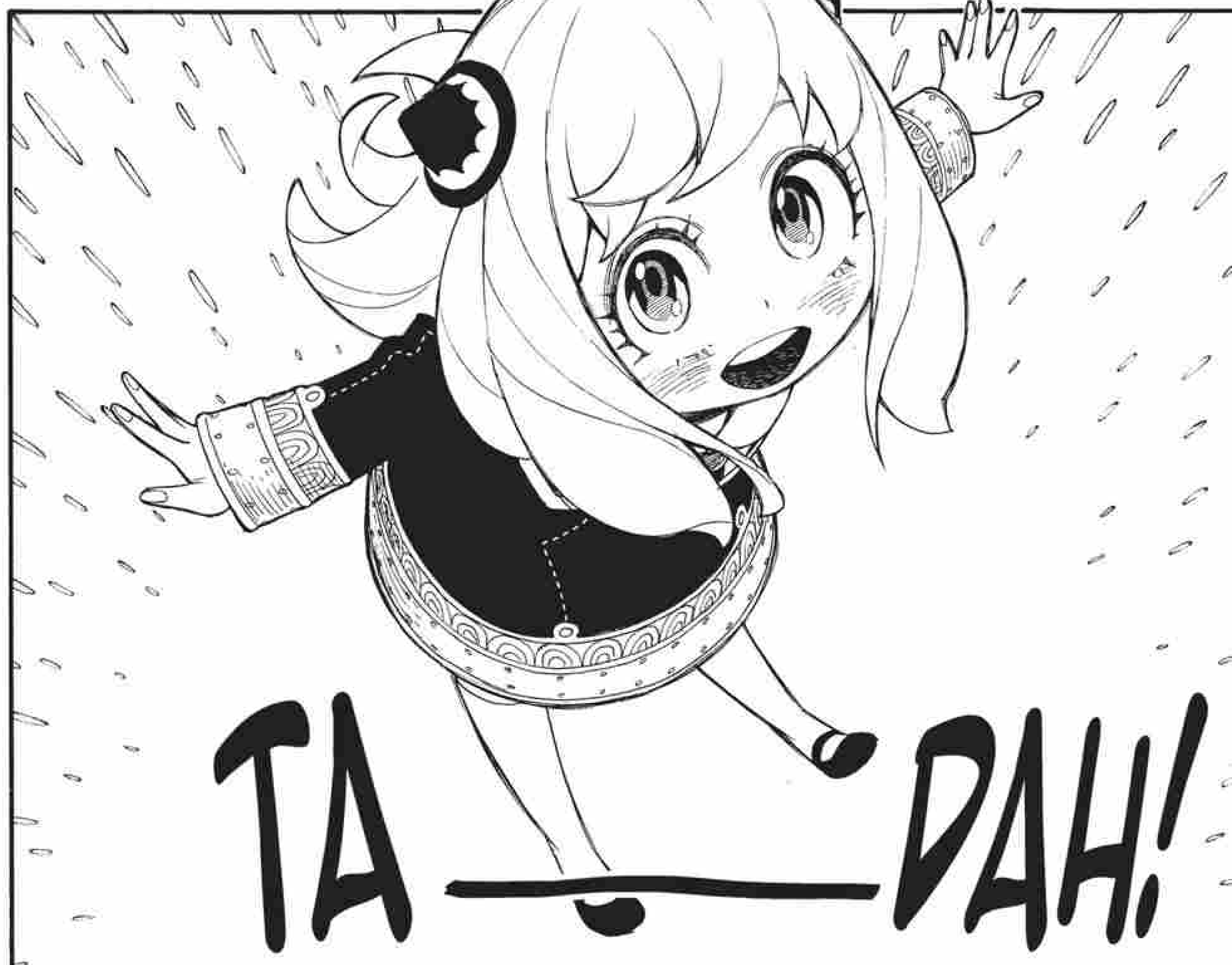
NOD



SOUNDS
LIKE MY
ANXIETY
WON'T BE
GOING
AWAY
ANYTIME
SOON.

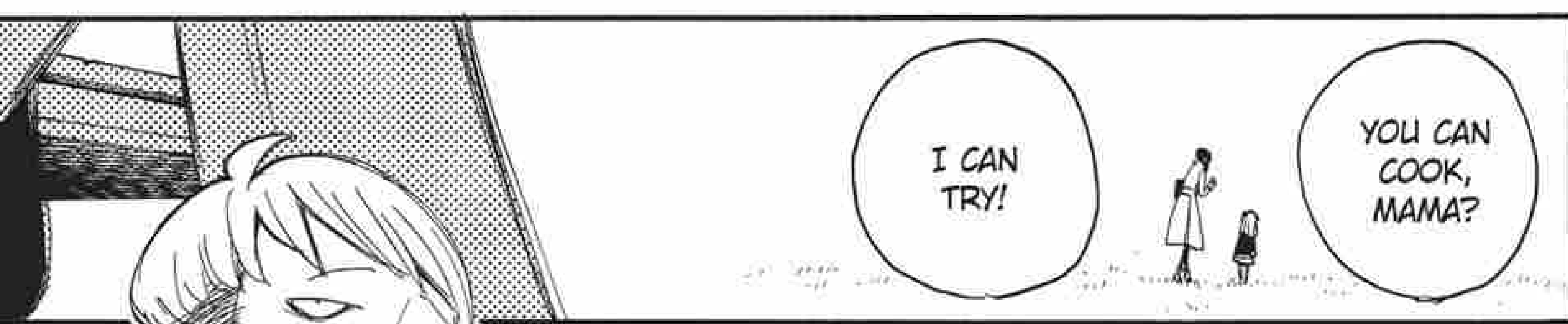
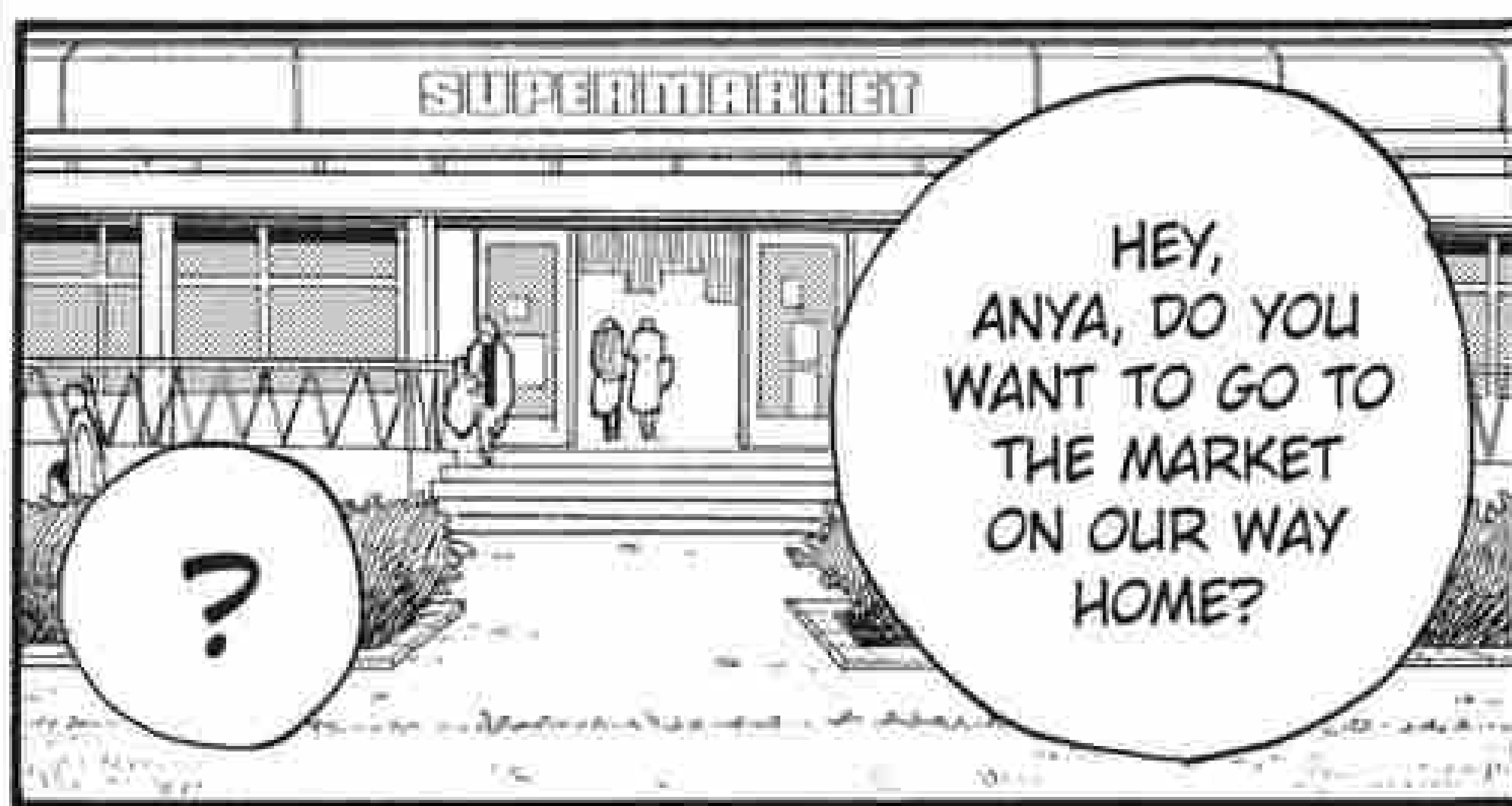


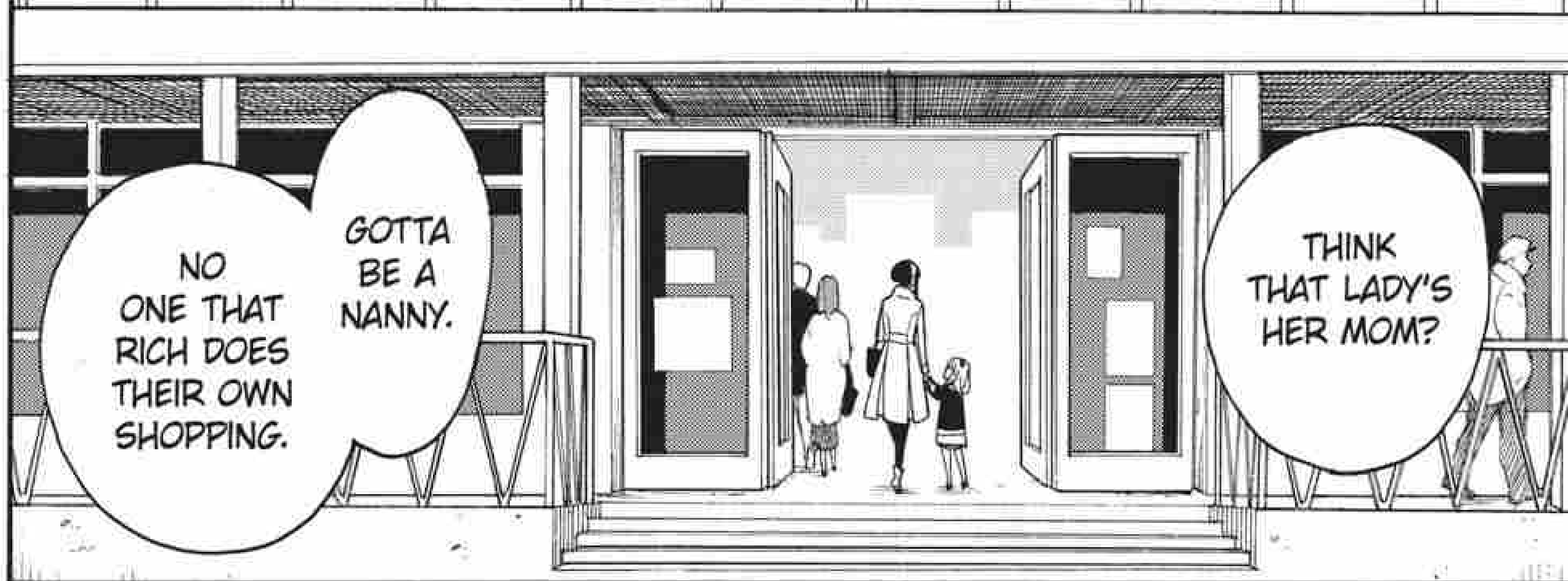
TA DAH!











NO
ONE THAT
RICH DOES
THEIR OWN
SHOPPING.

GOTTA
BE A
NANNY.

THINK
THAT LADY'S
HER MOM?



ME
TOO.

YA KNOW,
I'M FEELIN'
LIKE I
COULD USE
A LITTLE
EXTRA
CASH.



OKAY,
BUT YOU
STAY
RIGHT
OUT
FRONT!

I'M GOING
OUTSIDE!
I'm
bored!

That'll
be 40
dalc.

TMP
TMP
TMP



TWITCH

CREAK



NO
CLUE WHAT
EACH ONE OF
THESE IS FOR,
SO I GUESS
I'LL JUST
BUY SOME OF
EACH...

AS LONG
AS I HAVE
MEAT AND
VEGETABLES,
I SHOULD BE
ABLE TO MAKE
SOMETHING.

This could
come in
handy at
work...

TA-DAH!



WE'LL
JUST GET A
FEW BUCKS
FROM YOUR
NANNY AND
LET YOU
GO.

BE
A GOOD
GIRL
FOR US,
OKAY?

00
BAD
GUYS!



SHA

HAVIN' FUN
THERE, LI'L
MISS?

RMPH
?!



OH
YEAH
?

I HEARD
EVEN THE
UNIFORMS
SELL FOR
A LOT!

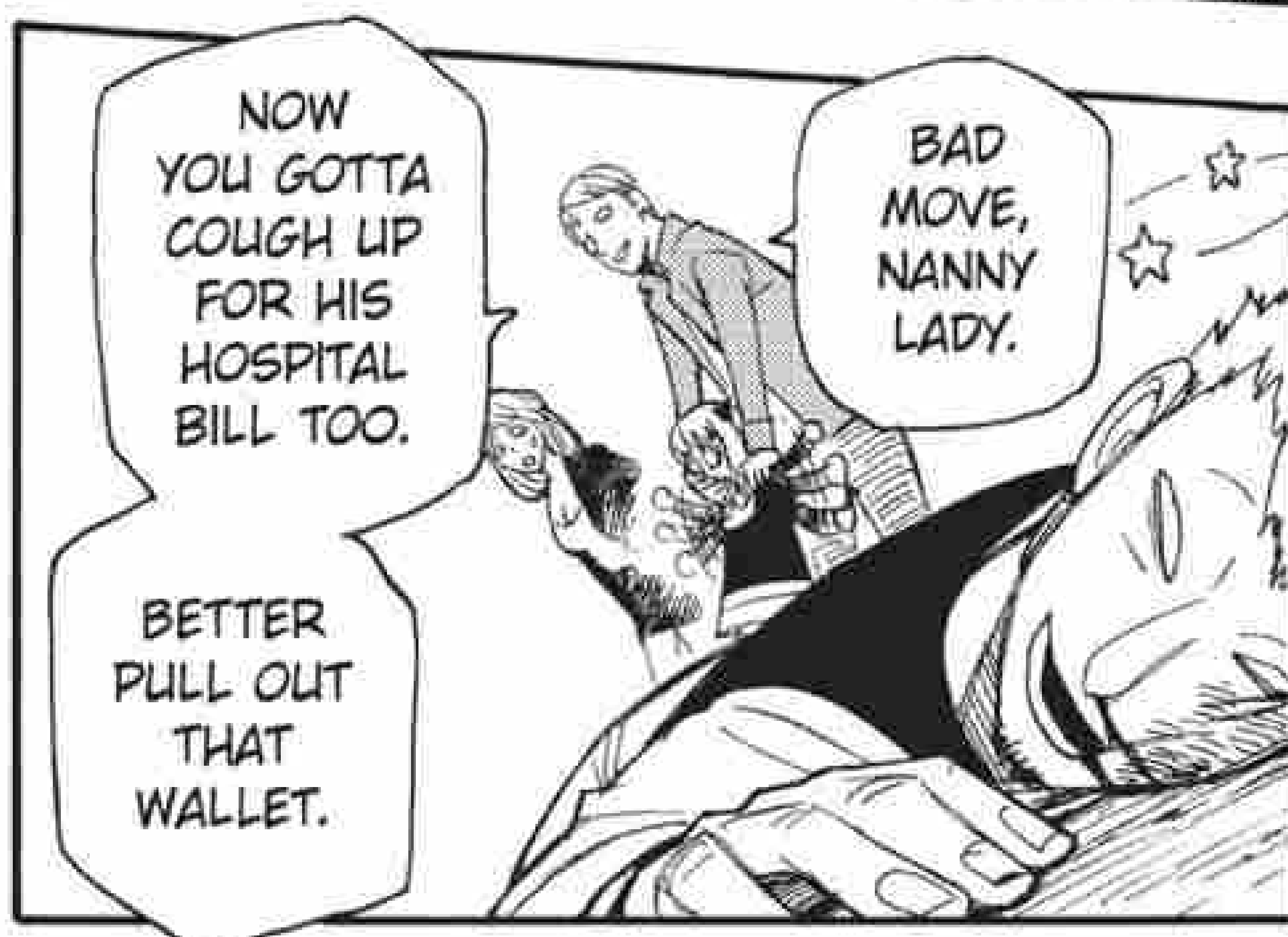
IT
WAS
ALL
TRUE!

At Eden
there's
bullying and
kidnapping
...



IN
THAT CASE,
KID, YOU'RE
GONNA LOSE
THAT—

W





H
W
AH!

PUMP-
KIN
PUNCH!

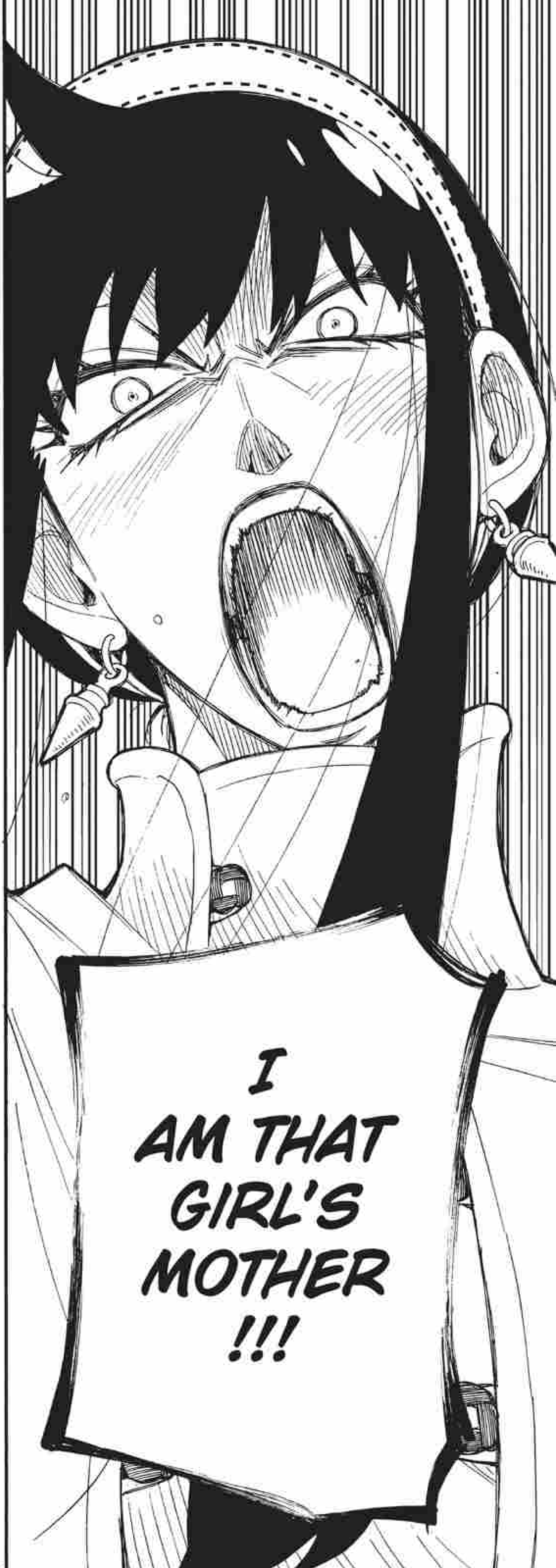
...CUZ YOU'RE
DEFINITELY
GETTIN' FIRED
FOR THIS!



I...

PLOP
PLOP

YOU...SPLIT A
PUMPKIN WITH
YOUR BARE
HAND...





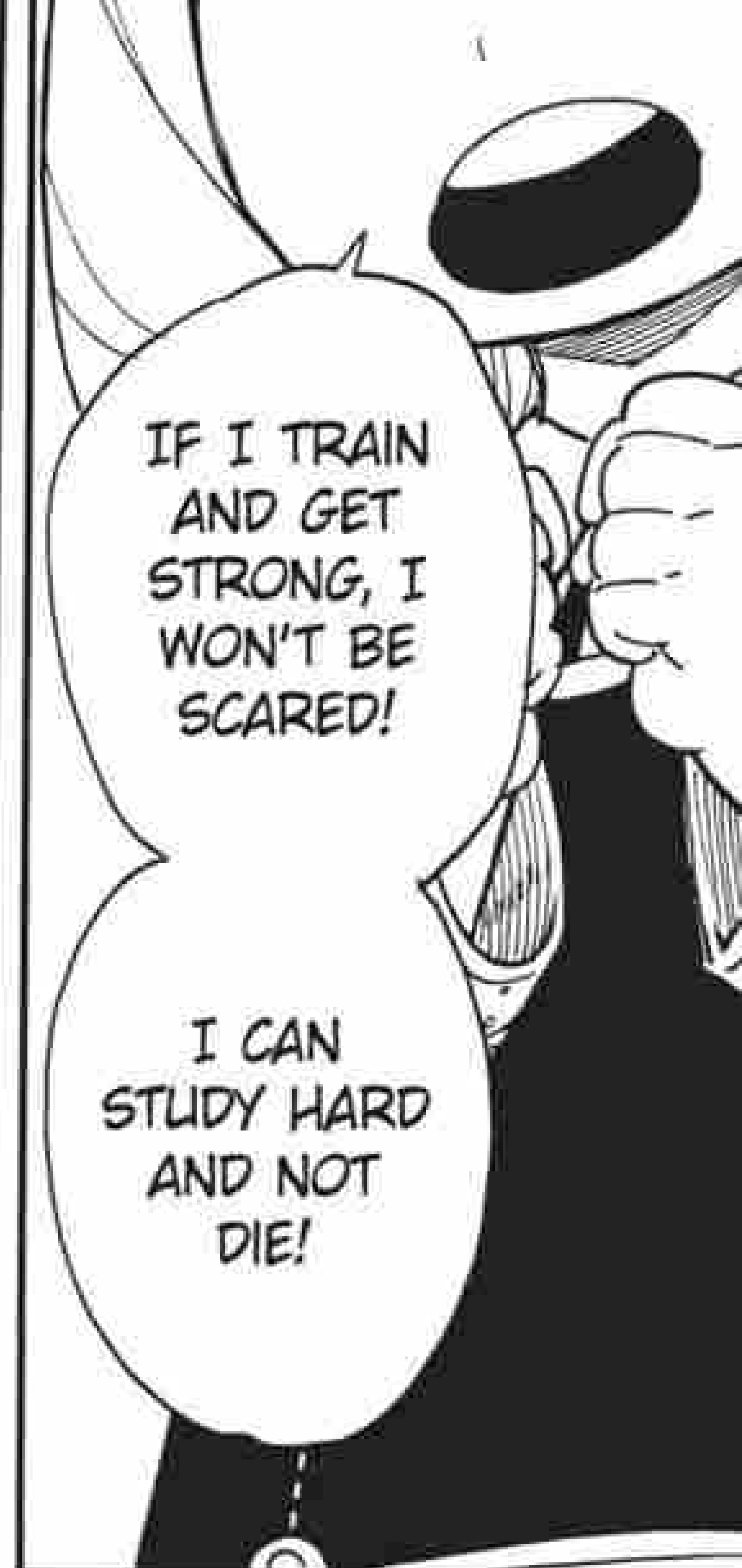


MAYBE
I'LL NEVER
BE LIKE A
NORMAL
MOTHER.



...

I WANT
TO BE
LIKE YOU,
MAMA!



IF I TRAIN
AND GET
STRONG, I
WON'T BE
SCARED!

I CAN
STUDY HARD
AND NOT
DIE!



OKAY!

BUT I'LL DO
MY BEST
WITH WHAT
I'VE GOT!



YAY!

THEN LET'S
GO STRAIGHT
HOME AND
TRAIN!

